

State of New Jersey

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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Commissioner

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Director

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County Welfare Agency Directors

Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs

This is to advise that the federal poverty level guidelines for 1995 were published in the February 9, 1995 issue of the <u>Federal Register</u>. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care program and the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) program which are administered by this Division. These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1995.

The county welfare agency (CWA) shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from New Jersey Care as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases which are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective April 1, 1995. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1995, CWAs shall review all cases denied for excess income since that date to determine which would be eligible under the new standards. Any case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 1995 or the date of application, whichever is later.

Additionally, please be advised that effective January 1, 1995, the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) program income standard was increased to 120% of the federal poverty level.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

Velvet G. Miller

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Director

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Attachment to Medicaid Communication:

New Jersey Care 1995 Income Limits

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Budget Unit Size	Aged, Blind, and Disabled and Children Born after 9/30/83 100% of Poverty	Children Age 2 up to Age 6 - 133% of Poverty	Pregnant Women and Children up to Age 1- 185% of of Poverty	Specified Low-Income Medicare Bene- ficiaries 120% of Poverty
1	\$623	\$828	\$1,152	\$747
2	836	1,112	1,547	1,003
3	1,050	1,396	1,941	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
4	1,263	1,680	2,336	
5	1,476	1,963	2,731	
6	1,690	2,247	3,125	
7	1,903	2,531	3,520	
8	2,116	2,815	3,915	
each additional person	214	284	395	